

RETIREED *members* Scotland

Conference news



SCOTTISH RETIRED MEMBERS AT CONFERENCE IN TELFORD

Meeting for our first in person conference since Lockdown, the focus was on the cost of living crisis. Scotland's motions were 'Poverty for Older People', 'The Urgent Need for Reform and Increased Investment in Social Care' and 'Free TV Licence for the Over 75-Year-Olds'.

Hundreds of delegates gathered for the conference, in order to decide the union's priorities for its 167,000 retired members across the United Kingdom.

The business of the day was focused on how the cost of living crisis is affecting the retired population, with subjects discussed including:

- **people being forced to choose between heating or eating;**
- **bus passes;**

- **prescriptions; and**
- **the triple lock on state pensions.**

Cost of living crisis

Coming on the day that inflation reached 10.1%, the first motion to be unanimously passed was on increased support for pensioners through the cost of living crisis.

All motions relating to the cost of living crisis were passed unanimously by delegates.

Pensions

Other motions voted through included calls for the Triple Lock on pensions to be secured in legislation and for the government to increase investment in social care.

Conference also passed motions on free TV license for over 75-year olds, support for a national care service, improvements to public transport services and a call for UNISON to lobby the government for a commissioner for older people in England.

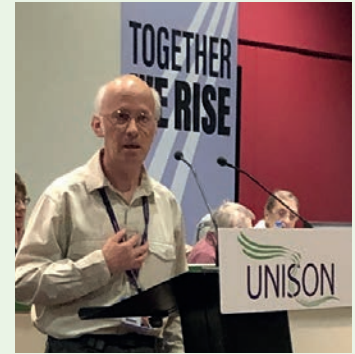
SCOTTISH DELEGATES MOVING OUR MOTIONS IN TELFORD

Three out of four of our motions went to conference this year.

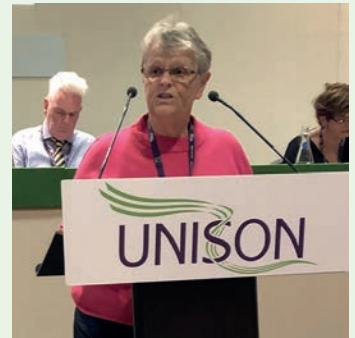
Our Social Care motion had the added honour of being one of two picked by delegates to be included in UNISON's National Delegate Conference next year.

In 2023 the Conference will be held in Edinburgh.

Gray Allan moving motion 'The Urgent Need for Reform and Increased Investment in Social Care'.



Yvone Craig moving motion 'Poverty for Older People'.



Tom Lithgow moving motion 'Free Tv Licence for the Over 75-Year-Olds'.



It wasn't all work though, a fair bit of socialising took place as well, not least a meal out organised by Babs our retired members secretary.

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